

## **DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: SURFACE COVERINGS CONTAINING ALUMINUM OXIDE the specification of which is attached.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56.

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

Application Number	Date of Filing
60/038,879	February 20, 1997

I hereby appoint the following attorney and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P., Reg. No. 22,540, Douglas B. Henderson, Reg. No. 20,291; Ford F. Farabow, Jr., Reg. No. 20,630; Arthur S. Garrett, Reg. No. 20,338; Donald R. Dunner, Reg. No. 19,073; Brian G. Brunsvold, Reg. No. 22,593; Tipton D. Jennings, IV, Reg. No. 20,645; Jerry D. Voight, Reg. No. 23,020; Laurence R. Hefter, Reg. No. 20,827; Kenneth E. Payne, Reg. No. 23,098; Herbert H. Mintz, Reg. No. 26,691; C. Larry O'Rourke, Reg. No. 26,014; Albert J. Santorelli, Reg. No. 22,610; Michael C. Elmer, Reg. No. 25,857; Richard H. Smith, Reg. No. 20,609; Stephen L. Peterson, Reg. No. 26,325; John M. Romary, Reg. No. 26,331; Bruce C. Zotter, Reg. No. 27,680; Dennis P. O'Reilley, Reg. No. 27,932; Allen M. Sokal, Reg. No. 26,695; Robert D. Bajefsky, Reg. No. 25,387; Richard L. Stroup, Reg. No. 28,478; David W. Hill, Reg. No. 28,220; Thomas L. Irving, Reg. No. 28,619; Charles E. Lipsey, Reg. No. 28,165; Thomas W. Winland, Reg. No. 27,605; Basil J. Lewris, Reg. No. 28,818; Martin I. Fuchs, Reg. No. 28,508; E. Robert Yoches, Reg. No. 30,120; Barry W. Graham, Reg. No. 29,924; Susan Haberman Griffen, Reg. No. 30,907; Richard B. Racine, Reg. No. 30,415; Thomas H. Jenkins, Reg. No. 30,857; Robert E. Converse, Jr., Reg. No. 27,432; Clair X. Mullen, Jr., Reg. No. 20,348; Christopher P. Foley, Reg. No. 31,354; John C. Paul, Reg. No. 30,413; Roger D. Taylor, Reg. No. 28,992; David M. Kelly, Reg. No. 30,953; Kenneth J. Meyers, Reg. No. 25,146; Carol P. Einaudi, Reg. No. 32,220; Walter Y. Boyd, Jr., Reg. No. 31,738; Steven M. Anzalone, Reg. No. 32,095; Jean B. Fordis, Reg. No. 32,984; Barbara C. McCurdy, Reg. No. 32,120; James K. Hammond, Reg. No. 31,964; Richard V.





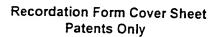
Burgujian, Reg. No. 31,744; J. Michael Jakes, Reg. No. 32,824; Dirk D. Thomas, Reg. No. 32,600; Thomas W. Banks, Reg. No. 32,719; Christopher P. Isaac, Reg. No. 32,616; Bryan C. Diner, Reg. No. 32,409; M. Paul Barker, Reg. No. 32,013; Andrew Chanho Sonu, Reg. No. 33,457; David S. Forman, Reg. No. 33,694; Vincent P. Kovalick, Reg. No. 32,867; Thomas H. Martin, Reg. No. 34,383; and Rachel H. Freed, Reg. No. P-41,443. Please address all correspondence to FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P. 1300 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005, Telephone No. (202) 408-4000.

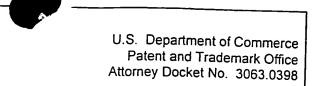
I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Full Name of Inventor	Inventor's Signature	Date:
Hao A. CHEN	How A. Cher	10/14/97
Residence		Country of Citizenship
40 Blue Stone Drive, Chadds Ford, PA 19317		U.S.A.
Post Office Address		
Same as Above		

Full Name of Inventor Isaac B. RUFUS	Inventor's Signature Sacac B. Rugus.	Date:
Residence		Country of Citizenship
18A3 Capano Drive, Newark, DE 19702		India
Post Office Address		
Same as Above		•

## FORM PTO-1594 1-31-92





To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks: Please record the attached Assignment.	ATTN. BOX ASSIGNME
Name of conveying parties:	Name and address of receiving party:
Hao A. CHEN Isaac B. RUFUS	Name: Mannington Mills, Inc.
Additional name(s) of conveying parties attached?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No	Street Address: P.O. Box 30 Salem, New Jersey 08079
Nature of conveyance:	Additional name(s) of conveying party attached?  □ Yes   No
Assignment	
September 16, 1997 September 18, 1997	
Application number or registration number: N/A	
Additional numbers at	ttached? □ Yes ଛ No
Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:	6. Total number of patents involved: 1
He: FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT  Compared to the com	7. Total fee (37 CFR § 3.41): \$40
nternal Address: Street Address: 1300   Street, N.W. City: Washington State: DC Zip: 20005-3315	Enclosed (Please charge deficiency to deposit account)
	Authorized to be charged to deposit account     Deposit account number: 06-0916
Statement and signature.	
To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing infocopy of the original document.	rmation is true and correct and any attached copy is a true
Thursday Marken	10/20 10-3
Thomas H. Martin, Registration No. 34,383	Date



WHEREAS We, the below named inventors, [hereinafter referred to as Assignors], have made an invention entitled:

## SURFACE COVERINGS CONTAINING ALUMINUM OXIDE

for which We executed an application for United States Letters Patent concurrently herewith; and

WHEREAS, Mannington Mills, Inc., a corporation of New Jersey, whose post office address is P.O. Box 30, Salem, New Jersey 08079 (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), is desirous of securing the entire right, title, and interest in and to this invention in all countries throughout the world, and in and to the application for United States Letters Patent on this invention and the Letters Patent to be issued upon this application;

NOW THEREFORE, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) in hand paid and other good and valuable consideration the receipt of which from assignee is hereby acknowledged. We, as assignors, have sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and do hereby sell, assign, transfer, and set over unto the assignee, its lawful successors and assigns, our entire right, title, and interest in and to this invention and this application, and all divisions, and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon, and all reissues thereof, and all rights to claim priority on the basis of such application, and all applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for this invention in any foreign country and all Letters Patent which may be granted on this invention in any foreign country, and all extensions, and reissues thereof; and We hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States and any official of any foreign country whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as described above, to assignment;

assue all Letters Patent for this invention the Assignment;	to assignee, its s	successors and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this
	Ve have the full rigagreement in con	ght to convey the interest assigned by this Assignment, and We flict with this Assignment;
AND, WE HEREBY further covenant is its successors and assigns, any facts known apapers when called upon to do so, execute a title to this invention in said assignee, its successors and generally do every	and deliver any a cessors or assign thing possible to the United States I be borne by the	
County of) State of)	SS.	Hao A, CHEN 40 Blue Stone Drive, Chadds Ford, PA 19317
Subscribed and sworn to before me this, Notary Public	_ day of	Date: <u>9/18/9</u>
County of) State of)	ss.	Isaac B. RUFUS 18A3 Capano Drive, Newark, DE 19702 <u>ちゃったく ふんない</u> (signature)
Subscribed and sworn to before me this, Notary Public	_day of	Date: 111197